



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL CDBG RECIPIENTS

Recipients of Federal funds under the **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** Program must comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and its implementing regulations (28 CFR Parts 35, 36), and the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA) and its implementing regulations (24 CFR Parts 40, 41) in connection with recipients' non-housing programs.

What does all this mean? It means the following:

This requirement applies to all non-housing programs and facilities assisted with Community Development Block Grant Funds (e.g. public facilities and public improvements, commercial buildings, office buildings and other non-residential buildings) and facilities in which CDBG activities are undertaken (e.g. public services).

What is Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973?

Answer: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states: "No otherwise qualified individual with a disability in the United States...shall, solely by reason of her or his disability, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program, service or activity receiving federal assistance or under any program or activity conducted by any Executive agency or by the United States Postal Service." (29 U.S.C. §794). This means that Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in any program or activity that receives financial assistance from any federal agency, including the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

What is the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990?

Answer: The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) guarantees equal opportunities for persons with disabilities in employment, public accommodations, transportation, State and local government services, and telecommunications. Unlike Section 504 which applies only to program and activities receiving Federal financial assistance, the ADA applies even if no Federal financial assistance is given.

What is the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968?

Answer: The Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA) (42 U.S. C. §4151-4157) requires that certain buildings financed with Federal funds must be designed, constructed, or altered in accordance with standards that ensure accessibility for persons with physical disabilities. The standards are set in accordance with the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standard (UFAS) (24 CFR 570.614). The ABA covers any building or facility in whole or in part with Federal funds, except privately-owned residential structures. For copies of UFAS, contact the HUD Distribution Center at 1-800-767-7468; deaf, hard of hearing, or speech-impaired persons may access this number via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339 or by Web Site <http://www.access-board.gov/ufas/ufas-html/ufas.htm>.

For details in complying with the above federal regulations, please see attached brochure.



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